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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6,
relative to reports on lobbying activities and expenditures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-106(b)(2), is amended by
redesignating the current language as item (A) and by adding the following new item:

(B)(i) The total of all gifts made by the lobbyist or anyone acting at the specific
direction of the registered lobbyist to benefit candidates for public office, officials in the
legislative branch, members of the candidates' or officials' staffs, the candidates' or
officials' spouses or any minor children residing in their households, or campaign
committees or testimonial committees established for the benefit of the candidates for
public office or such officials;

(ii) The total of all gifts made by the lobbyist or anyone acting at the specific
direction of the registered lobbyist to benefit officials in the executive branch (including
the public service commission), members of the officials' staffs, the officials' spouses or
minor children residing in their households, or campaign committees or testimonial
committees established for the benefit of such officials;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-105(b), is amended by adding in the second sentence the language ", as provided in Section 3-6-106(b)," between the word "activities" and the word "include".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Any employer or employer representative authorizing an individual to lobby on that employer's behalf shall file with the registry of election finance an annual legislative influence report to cover the period from the preceding January 1 to December 31. Such report shall be filed no later than January 31 of the following year and shall detail the employer's total lobbying expenditures to:

(1) influence public opinion by means of grassroots expenditures, as defined in 26 United States Code section 4911 (1989), which shall include, but not be limited to, expenditures for paid staff or personnel, media advertisements, mailings to members or the public, publications or broadcast statements, grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes, rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures or any other means that are defined as grassroots expenditures; and

(2) influence legislation by means of lobbying expenditures, as defined in 26 United States Code section 4911 (1989), which shall include, but not be limited to, gifts to legislators, public officials, their immediate families or staff, mailings to such individuals, political contributions, payments to lobbyists, direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials or a legislative body, or any other expenditure so defined.

(b) The registry of election finance shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, codified in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, to carry out the requirements of subsection (a), including developing a prescribed form for such report and a method of notifying employers of these provisions.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any report which must be filed after July 1, 1995.